

Senator Williams introduced a bill to authorize imprisonment for crimes against the laws of the State, in the State Penitentiary: read 1st time.

Amendments of the House to the Senate's bill defining the time of holding the Courts in the several Judicial Districts, on motion were concurred in.

A bill to try the right of property levied on under execution, when the property is claimed by a person not a party to the execution.

Read 1st time—rule suspended—read 2nd time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to prevent slaves from carrying fire arms; read 1st time, and on motion of Senator Bagby, indefinitely postponed.

A bill to prevent confusion in Judicial proceedings arising from the repeal of laws under which they were had or occurred; read 1st time.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting a communication in writing, which was read, and on motion the Senate went into Executive session.

Executive session closed and Senate proceeded to other business.

Senator Wallace moved to take up a bill to amend the 2nd and 3rd sections of an act concerning divorce and alimony.

Yeas. Senators, Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, Phillips and Wallace—7.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Robinson, Williams and Williamson—9.

Lost.

Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning. 9 o'clock, A. M.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
 SATURDAY, May 9th, 1846. }
 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment, roll called and a *quorum* present.

Journals of the preceding day were read and adopted.

On motion, Senators Burleson, Bagby and Phillips, were added to the committee of Conference, on the bill to establish a General Land Office for the State of Texas; and the Secretary was instructed to notify the House of the same.

Senator Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the collection of taxes due and owing the late Republic of Texas; reported the bill back to the Senate with an additional section and recommended its passage.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate, that the House had passed a bill to organize Probate Courts with amendments;

And had appointed Messrs. Brown, Gillet and Perry, a committee of Conference on the part of the House, on the bill to establish a General Land Office for the State of Texas.

Senator Williams, chairman of select committee, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the town of Crockett, reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its passage with the following amendments.

Add to the caption "in the county of Houston."

In 10th section, after the word "property" in 2nd line, insert "except such as may be or may have been donated to, or purchased by the county of Houston."

In 12th section, after the word "Mayor" in 2nd line, strike out all to "and," in 4th line, and insert "in such manner as is provided by law in the act organizing Justices' Courts, and defining the powers and jurisdiction of the same."

Strike out 22nd section.

Amendments adopted, and bill passed to 3rd reading; rule suspended—bill read 3rd time and passed.

Senator Phillips, chairman of the committee of Conference, on the bill to provide for the transfer of the records of administrators to new counties, reported that the joint committee recommend that the amendments of the Senate be concurred in.

Senator Williams, chairman of the committee of Conference, on the bill to amend the 1st section of an act approved January 14th 1840 authorizing the issuing of duplicate Land warrants discharges &c. &c., reported that the committee recommended that the Senate adopt the substitute as passed by the House.

Report adopted.

On motion of Senator Bagby, the Senate proceeded to the

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill more definitely to define the western boundary of Miami county—read 3rd time and passed.

A bill regulating the office and duties of Sheriff—read 3rd time and passed.

A bill defining the duties of District Attorneys—amendments of the select committee adopted; bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to fix the pay and mileage of members of the Legislature, with the amendment of the select committee.

Senator Phillips moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "Secretaries, Sergeant at Arms, and Doorkeepers" carried.

The yeas and nays being called on the adoption of the amendment as amended, stood thus—

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Phillips Robinson, Wallace and Williams—14.

Nays. Senators, Brashear and Williamson—2.

Carried and bill passed to 3rd reading.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate, that the House adopts the Report of Conference committee, on a bill to amend the 1st section of an act approved 14th, January 1840 authorizing the issuing of Duplicate Land Warrants discharges &c. &c., and refuses to recede from their amendments to a bill to provide for the liquidation and adjustment of the public debt.

Also transmitting the following bills.

A bill defining the office and duties of Coroners—read 1st time.

A bill defining the office and duties of Constables; read 1st time.

A bill to secure the fines imposed by the District Courts of the State; read 1st time.

A joint resolution requiring the Governor to procure the plates upon which the promissory notes and exchequer bills of the late Republic were printed.

Read 1st time; rule suspended; read 2nd time and referred to the select committee of which Senator McKinney is chairman.

A bill to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes

for the year 1846. On motion recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Senator Grimes, the bill to provide for the collection of taxes due and owing the late Republic of Texas, was taken up and recommitted to the judiciary committee.

A bill to prevent confusion in judicial proceedings arising from the repeal of laws under which they were had; read 2nd time and referred to the judiciary committee.

A joint resolution relative to the collection of monies due the late Republic of Texas; read 2nd time and laid on the table.

A joint resolution providing for the assumption of the public debt of the late Republic of Texas by the State of Texas; read 2nd time:

Senator Williamson moved to lay the resolution on the table until the next meeting of the Legislature.

The yeas and nays being called, stood thus—

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Grimes, Jewett, McNeel, Miller, Parker, Phillips, Robinson, Williams and Williamson—12.

Nays. Senators, Burleson McKinney and Wallace—3.

Carried.

A bill authorizing imprisonment in the State penitentiary, for crimes committed against the laws of the State; read 2nd time.

Senator Williamson moved to lay the bill on the table until the meeting of the next Legislature.

Yeas and nays being called, stood thus:

Yeas. Senators, Bourland, Navarro and Williamson—3.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Brashear, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Parker, Phillips, Robinson, Wallace and Williams—13.

Lost.

Senator Jewett moved to suspend the rule and place the bill on its 3rd reading.

Lost; and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to prevent the sale of spirituous liquor to slaves; read 3rd time and passed.

Senator Phillips offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That with the consent of the House of Representatives, the resolution to adjourn on the 11th inst. be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Upon which the yeas and nays stood thus:

Yeas. Senators, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, Mc-

Neel, Miller, Parker, Phillips, Robinson, Wallace and Williams—11.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Navarro and Williamson—5.

Carried.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a communication in writing, which being read the Senate went into Executive session, and after spending some time therein proceeded to other business.

Senator Phillips offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, That with the consent of the House of Representatives, the two Houses will limit their action after this date to the following bills:

A bill relative to the assessment and collection of taxes.

Bill regulating Probate matters.

Bill relative to the duties of public officers.

The appropriation bill.

And that the Legislature adjourn on Thursday the 14th inst. *sine die*.

Senator Wallace offered the following by way of substitute.

Resolved by the Senate, That with the concurrence of the House of Representatives, the Legislature of the State of Texas will adjourn *sine die* on Thursday next May 14th.

Adopted.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate, that the House concur in the 1st 3rd 4th 5th and 6th amendments, and refuse to concur in the 2nd amendment, to the bill to incorporate the town of Crockett.

Senators Williamson and McKinney were appointed a committee of Conference on the part of the Senate, on the bill providing for the Liquidation and adjustment of the public debt.

Senator Williams, chairman of the committee of Conference on part of the Senate, on the Bill to organize Justices' Courts and to define the powers and jurisdiction of the same, reported that the committee recommend the following amendment:

Strike out "twenty-five dollars," in 5th section, and insert "fifty dollars."

Report adopted.

The Senate concurred in the amendments of the House, to the bill to organize Probate Courts.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House adopts the report of the committees of Conference, on a bill to provide for the transfer of records of ad-

ministrators to new counties, and a bill to organize Justices' Courts &c.

Also informing the Senate, that the House had passed by a constitutional majority over the veto of the Governor, a joint resolution for the relief of Chas. B. Snow.

Also had reconsidered the vote appointing a committee of Conference on the bill to establish a General Land Office.

On motion, the joint resolution for the relief of Charles B. Snow, together with the veto message of the Governor; was taken up.

The yeas and nays being called, on the passage of the bill, stood thus

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Phillips, Parker, Robinson, Wallace, Williams and Williamson—14.

Nays. Senator Brashear—1.

So the bill passed.

The Senate refused to recede from the 2nd amendment to the bill to incorporate the town of Crockett, and a committee of Conference on the part of the Senate was appointed, composed of Senators Parker and Miller.

Senator Williamson offered the following resolution

Resolved by the Senate, That the Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk of the Senate, be authorized to employ any assistance he may need during the remainder of the session of the present Legislature, to be paid out of the contingent fund.

Adopted.

On motion of Senator Bagby, Senator Bourland was added to the judiciary committee.

On motion of Senator Bagby, the Senate adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

Senate met, roll called and a quorum present.

Senator Parker, chairman of the committee of Conference on the part of the Senate, on the bill to incorporate the town of Crockett, reported that the joint committee recommend that both Houses concur in the amendments of the Senate.

Report adopted.

Senator Phillips, chairman of judiciary committee, to whom was referred a bill to regulate proceedings in the District Courts, reported the bill back with amendments, and recommended its passage.

The yeas and nays being called upon the amendment repealing certain acts, stood thus :

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Brashear, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Parker, Phillips, Wallace and Williams—12.

Nays. Senators, Bourland and Williamson—2.

Carried and all the amendments adopted.

Senator Jewett moved to suspend the rule and place the bill on its 3rd reading.

Lost, and bill passed to 3rd reading.

Senator of the Judiciary Committee, made the following report

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
May 9th, 1846.

To the Honorable A. C. Horton,
President of the Senate :

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the collection of taxes for State and county purposes," have had the same under consideration, but have not been able to deliberate on its provisions satisfactorily to themselves, for the want of sufficient time : they have however prepared divers amendments which they have instructed me to report together with the bill, for the action of the Senate.

AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 7. In 4th line from bottom, after "and" insert "after paying the taxes due and costs of sale."

Sec. 8. In 2nd line, after "any" insert "personal."

After "taxes," in 3rd line, strike out "of personal property he shall" and insert "to."

In 10th line, insert "said property" after "and."

In 16th and 17th lines, strike out "and legal charges."

In 26th line, strike out "owner of such property" and insert "person as whose property it was sold."

Sec. 10. After "States" in 5th line, insert "exchequer bills and."

After "drafts" in 5th line, insert "heretofore."

After "accounts" in 6th line, insert "and made receivable in payment of taxes."

Sec. 12. After "sums" in 14th line, strike out "of" and insert "over."

In same line, strike out "and over"

SEC. 13. After "taxes" in 5th line, strike out balance of section, and insert "five per cent upon the amount arising from the sale of his property:"

SEC. 14. Strike out 9th line, and insert "to be sued" in 10th line, strike out "shall be subject to" and insert "and shall pay."

SEC. 17. After "of" in the 1st line, strike out "the several collectors" and insert "each collector."

SEC. *Be it further enacted*, That if any real estate offered for sale for the taxes due thereon, shall not be sold for said taxes and enough to pay the costs of sale, it shall be the duty of the collector to bid in the same for the use of the State.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate of the appointment of Messrs Tankersly, Howard and Sublett, a committee of Conference on the bill to provide for the adjustment of the public debt.

Also had appointed Messrs Willie, Clark and Irion, a committee of Conference on the bill to incorporate the town of Crockett, and had adopted the report of said committee.

Also that the House refuse to concur in the 2nd and 4th amendments to the bill defining the duties of District Attorneys.

Senator Williams introduced a bill to require county surveyors to appoint deputy surveyors for new counties created out of their districts.

Read 1st time; rule suspended, read 2nd time, and referred the judiciary committee.

Senator McKinney moved to reconsider the vote refusing to concur in the 1st amendment of the House to a bill to establish a General Land Office of the State of Texas.

Senator Phillips moved to lay the motion on the table until Monday.

The yeas and nays being called on the motion to lay on the table, stood thus:

Yeas. Senators, Burleson, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Parker, Phillips and Wallace—7.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Grimes, Jewett, Williams and Williamson—7.

There being a tie, the President voted in the negative, and the motion was lost.

The question recurring on a reconsideration of the vote refusing to concur, and the yeas and nays being called stood thus:

Yeas. Senators, Brashear, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, Mc-

Kinney, McNeel, Miller, Parker, Phillips and Wallace—10.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Williams and Williamson—4.

Carried.

Senator McKinney moved that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House.

The yeas and nays being called stood thus:

Yeas. Senators, Brashcar, Burleson, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Parker, Phillips, Wallace and Williamson—10.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Grimes and Williams—4.

Carried and the bill passed.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock, A. M.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
 MONDAY, May 11th, 1846. }
 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment—roll called and a quorum present.

Journals of the preceding day read and adopted.

Senator Phillips, chairman of the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred a bill to prevent confusion in Judicial proceedings, arising out of the repeal of laws under which they were had; reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage—report adopted.

Rule suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

Senator Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill making appropriations for the support of the Government for the years 1846 and 1847, reported amendments to the bill and recommended its passage.

Senator McNeel made the following report:

"The committee on Engrossed bills, have examined an act to authorize imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for crimes committed against the laws of the State, and find it correctly engrossed.

Adopted.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate, that the House has concurred in the 1st amendment of the